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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Ruben D. Munoz, Pastor
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Mass Schedule

Weekdays 9:00 a.m.: Tues., Wed. at St. R
 Thurs., Fri. at St. J
 Saturday: 4:30 p.m. at St. J
 7:00 p.m. at St. R
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. at St. R
 11:00 a.m. at St. J

Office Hours

Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. at St. J
 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 4:00 p.m. at St. J
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. at St. R
 or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents interested in having their children baptized need to contact the Pastor for further information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Those seeking this sacrament are required to contact the Pastor at least six months in advance. Pre-marriage instructions/classes are required.

Sacrament of the Sick

Those in need should contact the parish office as soon as possible. The sacrament can be celebrated before and after Mass, home, hospital or where it is convenient.

Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in becoming a Roman Catholic Christian or who would like to inquire about our faith should call the Pastor at the parish office.

Parish Membership

Welcome new Parishioners! Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment to register. Please notify us if you have a change of address or are moving outside the parish.

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday 12:00 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH/ST. RAPHAEL PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

"We are a welcoming spiritual home that provides community and personal growth through liturgy, evangelization, the Word of God and a call to His service."

**Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist B
 June 24, 2018**

"He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name,"

My dear Friends in Christ, in the Catholic encyclopedia I found this note that caught my attention, "Ordinarily, the day of a saint's death is usually celebrated as his or her feast day, because it marks his or her dies natalis, or "birthday", into eternal life. To this rule there are two notable exceptions: the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary and that of John the Baptist. According to Catholic tradition and teaching, Mary was free from original sin from the first moment of her existence (her conception itself is commemorated by a separate feast), while John was cleansed of original sin in the womb of his mother." Is it not very interesting? Today, our Church celebrates this solemnity in order to help us to understand how important was the role of John the Baptist. The purpose of his life was to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ. He was the instrument that God used in order to make his plans of Salvation for our world.

I would like to talk about two important words in this plan of Salvation of our God. One of these two words is "instrument," the other is "preparation." Our God is always working to prepare us to receive his salvation. He uses so many ways to help us to understand that He loves us so much and He is willing to do whatever He can to bring us closer to himself.

We heard in the first reading from the book of Isaiah, "Listen, O distant people. The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. He made of me a sharp-edged sword..." I think when we feel the blessings of God in our lives, we can feel that God has chosen us from the beginning of our lives. I invite you to consider in how many ways you are blessed and so many ways, you are being chosen to be a wonderful instrument of God for this part of the world. I invite you to think in the dark moments of your life, in my experience, when I look back in my life, I feel that these moments were powerful moments to encounter the love of God in my life. I did not see and feel God's love in that moment but looking back, now, I can say that without these dark situations in my life I will not be able to know my God and his care for me.

God was preparing me every single moment of my life to find his love and care. I need to submit and be humble many times in order to receive his help. I remembered how many times I felt that I knew more than God and I could control my life in my ways, but many circumstances showed me that only God has control of everything in life.

In this solemnity of the nativity of Saint John the Baptist, I invite you to reflect in these two words, "instrument and preparation," I am very sure that you are going to find how God is working to help you to find his love and care.

Fr. Rubén Darío Muñoz Jiménez

**Schedule for
June 25 - July 1**

MONDAY - 6/25

2 Kgs 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18, Mt 7: 1-5

TUESDAY - 6/26

2 Kgs 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36, Mt 7: 6, 12-14

9:00am (St. R) - NO MASS

WEDNESDAY - 6/27

2 Kgs 22: 8-13, 23: 1-3, Mt 7: 15-20

9:00am (St. R) - For the Poor

THURSDAY - 6/28

2 Kgs 24: 8-17, Mt 7: 21-29

9:00am (St. J) - For the Sick

FRIDAY - 6/29

Acts 12: 1-11, 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18, Mt 16: 13-19

9:00am (St. J) - Florence Levandowski (Family)

SATURDAY - 6/30

Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19, Mt 8: 5-17

4:30pm (St. J) - Irene Lyman (Chris & Doug Sattler)

7:00pm (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael

SUNDAY - 7/1

Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24, 2 Cor 8: 7, 9, 13-15, Mk 5: 21-43

8:00am - TV Mass for the Homebound from Gaylord - Fox 32 (Cable Channel 3)

8:30am (St. R) - For the Living and Deceased parishioners of St. Raphael

10:25am (St. J) - Living Rosary

11:00am (St. J) - For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph

6:00pm (St. J) - Youth Group Meeting/Dinner in the parish hall

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Mass Times: Thursday & Friday, 9:00am, Saturday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 11:00am

ST. JOSEPH CSA

The 2018 annual Diocesan Catholic Services Appeal has started, and the theme is "Shining Christ's Light." Our parish goal is \$27,978 and we would like to see all members make a gift to support this appeal. We are currently at 79% of our goal. Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries which provide service that no single parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has graced us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Please take the time to prayerfully consider how you are able to support the CSA.

UP COMING EVENTS

- St. Joseph Festival, Sunday, June 24th, 12:00pm - 3:00pm
- St. Joseph Living Rosary, Sunday, July 1st, 10:25am
- Mass at Medical Care, Tuesday, July 3rd, 2:00pm
- Tri-Saints K of C Meeting, Thursday, July 5th, 7:00pm at St. Joseph

Ministers of Hospitality

USHERS & GREETERS

We now have identification tags for Ushers and Greeters. You will find them in the Sacristy in a box on top of the built in drawers. Please wear them before, during and at the conclusion of Mass. Please return them to the box in the Sacristy before you leave church. Thank you for your time and talent to this most important ministry. If you have any questions, you may contact Dennis Knoche @ 586-707-0206

YOUTH GROUP

We have rescheduled the Youth Group Meeting to Sunday, July 1st @ 6pm downstairs. Dinner will be provided. We also have 2 volunteer opportunities for you to add to hours: Weeding @ St. Raphael's Tuesday/Wednesday or Saturday this week or next (we already have 2 for this Saturday); and helping with setup/take down of Festival on June 24th.

Let me know about weeding ASAP. Call Sheila Martuch at 248-770-4037 and where you can attend the meeting on July 1st. Hope to see you soon!

**ST. JOSEPH
CSA 2018/19**

Parish Target \$ 27,978.00
Amount Pledged \$ 22,357.31
Needed to meet \$ 5,620.69
goal
% of Target 79%
Pledged

**ST. JOSEPH'S
STEWARDSHIP OF
TREASURE**

May Our Lord bless us through our generosity

ENVELOPE	\$ 2,066.00
OFFERTORY	
LOOSE	\$ 930.81
OFFERTORY	
CHILDREN'S	\$ -----
OFFERTORY	
STIPEND	\$ 30.00
DONATION	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 3,026.81
BUILDING ENV.	\$ 30.00
D & L FUND-BLG.	\$12,268.21
	\$92.00

Prayer Requests

Richie Anderson, June Bartlett, Kyleigh Borah, Mary Lynn Burchard, Anna Charlich, Martha Dirksen, Addy Hollifield, Tammy Holmes, Dennis Knoche, Joyce LaFleur, William Lotz, Marilyn Lotz, George Macko, John David Martuch, Julie Miller, Rob Miller, Nielsen Family, Nancy Satal, Mary Steen, Kay Thompson, Albert Valencia

Happy Birthday!!

- 6/24 - Dennis Knoche, Earl Maue, Kevin Miller
- 6/27 - Gus Hollbusch
- 6/30 - Stephen DuVall
- 7/2 - Tom Greve

Happy Anniversary!!

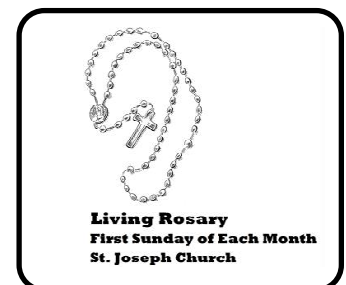
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**ST. JOSEPH
FUN, FOOD FESTIVAL**

June 24, 2018

12:00pm - 3:00pm

Please come and enjoy the food, games and fun!!



ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 30 & JULY 1

Saturday, 4:30pm	Sunday, 11:00am
Lector - Tom Fleming Body of Christ - Beth Klajda Precious Blood - Beverly Knoche & Kathryn Nacco Altar Servers - Dennis Knoche & Catherine Noggle Hospitality - Ed Barlan	Lector - Peaches Sanovic Body of Christ - Nan Kamaloski Precious Blood - Mary Jerore & Maria Somsel Altar Servers - Hope & Cheryl Showalter Hospitality - Linda Showalter

ST. RAPHAEL CHURCH
 Mass Times: Tuesday & Wednesday, 9:00am, Saturday, 7:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am

**ST. RAPHAEL'S
 STEWARDSHIP OF
 TREASURE**

May Our Lord bless us through
 our generosity

ENVELOPE OFFERTORY	\$ 1,097.00
LOOSE OFFERTORY	\$ 549.00
V. LTS	\$ 43.25
COFFEE	\$ 7.00
FUEL	\$ -----
STIPEND	\$ -----
DONATION	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 1,696.25
BUILDING	\$ 70.00

**PLEASE remember to turn off all cell phones in church. This is
 a time of quiet and prayer. Thank you!!**

ST. RAPHAEL CCW NEWS

If you would like to remember your loved one with a plaque on the Memory Board, call the office at 231-889-4254. APPROXIMATE cost is \$20.00

CCW will not be meeting until
SEPTEMBER!

Happy Birthday!!

- 6/24 - Marcella Chmielewski
- 6/25 - Kathleen Jamkowski, David Reneau
- 7/1 - Peter Gaylord

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Prayer Requests

Marty Bailey, David Bassey, Dennis Daldine, DeVoll Family, Bill Dowd, Mary Evans, William Hogarth, Karen Ling, Mike Ling, Tammy May, Kelly Miller, Olivia Miller, Kenneth O. Milliron, Dale Moody, Jack Pope, Kelli Sattler, Chad Schualer, Linda & Randy Stark, Albert Valencia, Don Walston, Gary Willis

**MARGIE'S 4th ANNUAL
 FLEA MARKET**

**St. Raphael Church
 Copemish**

**July 5th, July 6th & July 7th
 9:00am - 4:00pm**

**NO Christmas items!!! NO clothing!!!
 NO TV's!!! Appliances must work!!**

All proceeds go to St. Raphael

ST. RAPHAEL CSA

The 2018 annual Diocesan Catholic Services Appeal has started, and the theme is "Shining Christ's Light." Our parish goal is \$14,765 and we would like to see all members make a gift to support this appeal. We are currently at 66% of our goal. Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries which provide service that no single parish could provide on its own. This effort is a means by which we work together to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has graced us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Please take the time to prayerfully consider how you are able to support the CSA.

If you are a registered parishioner, and no longer have a house phone, or just use your cell phone, would you please call the office with that number so we can update our records. Thank you!

**ST. RAPHAEL
 CSA 2018/19**

Parish Target	\$ 14,765.00
Amount Pledged	\$ 9,887.00
Needed to meet goal	\$ 4,878.00
% of Target Pledged	66%

ST. RAPHAEL'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 30 & JULY 1

Saturday, 7:00pm	Sunday, 8:30am
Lector - Carlina Breitner Body of Christ - Debra Diehl Precious Blood - Cindy Saarm & Viva Kastl Altar Servers - Bob Saul	Lector - Leslie Casselman Body of Christ - Flo Smith Precious Blood - Gabelle Crandall & Pat Mullen Altar Servers - Bob Saul



Please pray for all service men and women who are serving our country.

SrA Hannah Janicki Davis, USAF, Ssgt Kyle R. Davis, USAF, Mark J. Debano, Jr., OD LT, MSC, USN, 2 Lt. Daniel J. Debano, Engineer, MIARNG, Sgt. Chris DeVoll, Army, Spc. Renada DeVoll, Army, Charles Draeger, USAF Special Unit, MIARNG, , Coast Guard, Navy, Olivia Fouchey, USAF, SFC Jeremy A. Kott, Army, Jay Long, Mike Meyers, Air Force, Adam O'Neill, Army, Capt. Courtney Pierce, RN, Army, 2nd Lt. Karina Pierce-Pingel, Army, Sgt. Benjamin Pingel, Army, Sgt. First Class Philip Sedlar, Jr., Andrew Saul, Navy, Adam Schuessler, Army, USAF, Austin Soller, Navy, Sgt. Dylan Somsel, Capt. Kent Turner, Army, Yeoman John Tucker, CG, Yeoman Sarah Tucker, CG, Daniel Tanner, Navy

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior Amen.

If you know of someone serving our country and would like a his/her name printed in our military corner please call the

ST. JOSEPH LADIES GUILD NEWS

The Ladies Guild will have next meeting on **Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 3:30pm. ALL women of the parish are invited to join us when we meet again!! Come and meet your fellow parishioners. Our church needs your helping hands, and the good ideas in your heads. Need a ride? Call the church secretary and she will contact us to help. **SEE YOU THERE!!!** The St. Joseph Ladies' Guild new project will be **saving Family Fare receipts** that may be put in the same box in the entry. When you go to Family Fare all you have to do is sign-up for their reward card. We are collecting General Mills box tops for education. When you are cutting out the box top for education we need the **General Mills Box Top for Education** not the save 25-75%.

ST. JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: The next month's Food Pantry will **July 27, 2018** beginning at **10 a.m.** **Your financial support is appreciated and encouraged.** Every dollar you contribute goes toward purchase of food and household items.

Stewardship by the Book - Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship -- "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."

Stewardship Reflections -

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." (2 CORINTHIANS 8:14)

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

Family Perspective - The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

Promise to Protect; Pledge to Heal - In an effort to protect all children and to promote healing, the Diocese of Gaylord encourages victims of child abuse or neglect to report the matter. In fact, many professionals are required by Michigan State law to report suspected abuse or neglect of a child or minor. Individuals should contact their local office of the Department of Human Services. If an allegation involves sexual misconduct of a minor by clergy or any employee of the Diocese of Gaylord, even if it is in the past, individuals may also contact the Diocesan Victim Assistant Coordinator, Larry LaCross at 989-705-9010.

2018 Diocesan Conference - Save the date for the 2018 Diocesan Conference taking place September 21 & 22 at Treetops Resort in Gaylord. Entitled "This Little Light of Mine: Shining Christ's Light, Sunrise to Sunset," the conference will focus on ways to 'shine your light' in all facets of life and will even feature special breakout sessions for teens. Our Friday-night keynote speaker and emcee/musician for the weekend is internationally-renowned singer-songwriter Jesse Manibusan, author of "Open My Eyes," a hymn that

has been published in many languages for both Catholic and Protestant Churches around the world. Dr. Timothy O'Malley, Ph.D., director of the Center for Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame will present on Saturday. Bring your family for a weekend of faith and fun and take advantage of the special lodging and golf rates offered by Treetops. More information is available at www.dioceseofgaylord.org. Stay tuned as more presenters and a full schedule will be announced!

Find Your Greatness-Four habits that will transform your life

- What are your habits? Are they helping you become the best- version-of-yourself or some second-rate-version of yourself? Our lives change when our habits change. Based on Matthew Kelly's book *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*, this half day event will introduce you to four simple habits that will help you reach your full potential. On Saturday, September 15th, St. Ann parish in Cadillac will bring speaker Dominick Albano from Dynamic Catholic to present this intriguing workshop. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at St. Ann Catholic Church in Cadillac. Questions regarding the event can be addressed to Pat Crane of the sponsoring organization, Faith A Fire, at 231.826.3326. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at DynamicCatholic.com or by calling 859.980.7900.

TIME - TALENT - TREASURE

How much **TIME** do you set aside each week for prayer & involvement in volunteer activities in your parish?

How are you using your **TALENT** to help make our parish family as a whole?

What percentage of your **TREASURE** do you presently give to support your parish activities?

Each one of us has something to offer no matter how big or small!!

Come to Enjoy

DELICIOUS MEXICAN CRAVINGS

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at Divine Mercy Parish

St. Joseph Parish Center, 249 6th Street,
Manistee

Enjoy Tacos-\$2.00 each, Burros-\$7.00 each, Pambazos-\$7.00 each & Tamales Veracruzanos - \$5.00 each. Also, Fruit Coctel-\$3.00 each Choco Flan-\$2.00 each & Pastel 3 Leches-\$3.00 each

Take Outs Available

Sponsored by the Antorcha Guadalupana Committee to support the annual